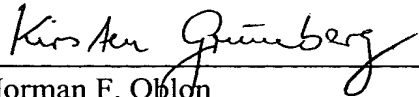


Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 3 and 5 (Canceled).

Please amend the claims as follows:

--1. (Amended) A resin composition which comprises the following (a) and the following (b) in a ratio of from [50] 70 to [99.5] 95 wt% of (a) and from 0.5 to 50 wt% of (b) in the total amount of (a) and (b):

(a) a polyphenylene sulfide; and

(b) a [fluorinated resin] tetrafluoroethylene/perfluoro(alkylvinyl ether) copolymer or a tetrafluoroethylene/hexafluoropropylene copolymer having a solidification temperature ( $T_{mc}$ ) of at least 237°C when cooled at a cooling rate of 10°C/min after melting in a nitrogen atmosphere at 330°C. --

Claims 9-16 (New).